be made and then fresh petitions poured in from all sides. Always an occasion to re-open the question has suggested itself.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—After the re-interpretation was put in, who was benefited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of anybody being particularly benefited.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Who got the confirmation then ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was this Mr. Warriar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it in connection with this confirmation that this new interpretation was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was the occasion for the question to be re-opened.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not more a case of doing justice rather than interpreting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is so.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the first interpretation wrong?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whenever a new interpretation is put in it follows that the first is wrong.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the policy of the Government to alter the rules and intrepretations to suit particular persons ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not the policy of the Government to put new interpretations arbitrarily. Wherever occasions arise, these things are necessary and have to be done.

Increasing salary of Heads of Departments.

452. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have increased the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1108.

(b) whether they intend increasing the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1109 ;

(c) what are the changes effected as under (a) and (b) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The pay of the Director of Public Health was revised from Rs. 200—400 to Rs. 450—650. The question does not arise in respect of (b).

453. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the State is still in the grips of depression ;

(b) whether the depression has sufficiently eased, so as to enable them to undertake increments of the salary of Heads of departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is still some depression.

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(b) There is no proposal for a general revision at present.

Clerks 40—60 and 60—80 grade—Matriculates.

454. Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) how many clerks there are in the Government service in the 40—60 grade and 60—80 grade who are only Matriculates or who are only School Finals ;

(b) what is the period of service of each of them ;

(c) whether there are clerks in the Government service who are only Matriculates or School Finals, who are now in the 80—100 grade ; if so, how many ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a), (b) and (c). Vide statement appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

M. L. Cs. owing money to Government.

455. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of Members of the Legislative Council, if any, who owe money to the Government with the amounts due from each of them and the nature of the transaction which gave rise to the liability ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The dues to the Government may cover several kinds of claims, e. g., land revenue or other sorts of revenue, loans, advances recoverable, etc., etc. It is not feasible to answer the question without knowing the exact nature of the dues the Member has in mind.

College extension scheme.

456. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total amount spent upon the College extension scheme at Ernakulam (buildings and sites) since the Budget Session of 1106 Karkadagam including the awards passed for sites for play-grounds and hostel buildings ;

(b) how much more money will be required for completing the University demands regarding buildings, play-grounds and hostels ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 4,97,271-6-2.

(b) Nearly 10 lakhs.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The question is with regard to the amount that was spent on the College extension scheme including buildings and sites and awards passed regard-

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